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This is further in response to the office action mailed January 17, 2003 and further to the Applicants' response of November 21, 2002.

Claims 1-22 are pending as in the original patent. Claims 23-30 have been added in this application and are pending. The Applicants request that claims 23, 25, 26 and 29 be amended as shown below:

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23. (Amended)

In a microfiltration membrane device, for withdrawing

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